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Registration open for free Alternative Fuel Vehicle First Responder Training

Indianapolis – The <u>Indiana Office of Energy Development</u> (OED), in partnership with the <u>Greater Indiana Clean Cities</u> <u>Coalition</u>, will launch three, free alternative-fuel vehicle (AFV) first responder safety training courses in Indianapolis, IN.

The three courses will focus on educating firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and law enforcement officials on the proper techniques to safely respond to vehicle collisions, incidents, and injuries involving AFVs. Additionally, the courses include information on alternative fuels, their properties and origins, and ways in which alternative-fuel vehicles differ from conventionally-fueled vehicles.

Dates and times of the training sessions are as follows:

- Firefighter Session
 4355 Lafayette Boulevard
 Indianapolis, IN 46254
 March 22, 2016
 7:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- <u>Law Enforcement Session</u>
 4355 Lafayette Boulevard Indianapolis, IN 46254
 March 23, 2016
 7:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Emergency Medical Technician Session 4355 Lafayette Boulevard Indianapolis, IN 46254 March 23, 2016 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The Greater Indiana Clean Cities has selected the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC) to provide three/First Responder Train-the-Trainer Courses. Funding for the program is supported by a grant provided by OED.

"These seminars will equip first responder trainers with the knowledge they need to identify and engage with automotive accidents involving alternative fuels and electric drive vehicles," said Kellie Walsh, Executive Director of the Greater

Indiana Clean Cities Coalition. "The participants will be equipped with the knowledge and tools they need to train first responders across Indiana."

"As more Hoosiers drive new alternative fuel vehicles, our first responders will see an increasing number of incidents involving these new technologies," said Tristan Vance, Director of the OED. "Firefighters, emergency medical services personnel and law enforcement officers need to be trained on the proper procedures for safely addressing incidents involving these vehicles. We are glad to partner with the Greater Indiana Clean Cities to bring this much needed training to our Hoosier first responders."

The training is FREE and lunch will be provided. First responders can visit http://greaterindiana.com/registration-open-four-free-train-the-trainer-sessions/ and select the appropriate course to register. Seating is limited to the first 30 for each class.

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